

**645—206.8(272C) Supervision requirements.**

**206.8(1)** Care rendered by unlicensed personnel shall not be documented or charged as occupational therapy unless direct in-sight supervision is provided by an OT or an OTA.

**206.8(2)** Occupational therapy screening shall be directed by an occupational therapist and shall not be delegated to an unlicensed person.

**206.8(3)** A licensed OTA, OTA limited permit holder or OTA applicant working prior to licensure shall be supervised by a licensed occupational therapist. The occupational therapist must be involved in the delivery of services during all aspects of service delivery, including screening, evaluation, intervention and outcome evaluation. The occupational therapist may delegate responsibilities to the occupational therapy assistant. The occupational therapist shall:

- a.* Ensure that the OTA has a current occupational therapy license and that the OTA limited permit holder or applicant working prior to licensure has a copy of the letter from the board verifying that a current application is on file;
- b.* Provide direct on-site and in-sight supervision for a minimum of four hours per month;
- c.* Complete a patient evaluation prior to treatment by the licensed OTA, OTA limited permit holder, or the OTA applicant working prior to licensure. The time spent evaluating the patient by the supervising OT shall not be considered time spent supervising;
- d.* Complete a written treatment plan outlining which elements have been delegated to the licensed OTA, OTA limited permit holder, or OTA applicant working prior to licensure;
- e.* Monitor patient progress;
- f.* Complete an evaluation of the treatment plan and write a discharge plan; and
- g.* Assign to the licensed OTA, OTA limited permit holder, or OTA applicant only those duties and responsibilities for which the assistant, limited permit holder, or applicant has been specifically trained and is qualified to perform.

**206.8(4)** Supervision of an OT limited permit holder or an OT applicant. An OT limited permit holder or an OT applicant working prior to licensure shall be supervised by a licensed OT. The supervisor shall:

- a.* Ensure that the OT limited permit holder or OT applicant working prior to licensure has a copy of the letter from the board verifying that a current application is on file;
- b.* Provide one-to-one supervision for a minimum of two hours per week.

The applicant who is practicing prior to licensure may perform the duties of the occupational therapist under the supervision of an Iowa-licensed occupational therapist, except for providing supervision to an occupational therapy assistant.

**206.8(5)** Occupational therapist limited permit holders and occupational therapist applicants working prior to licensure may evaluate clients, plan treatment programs, and provide periodic reevaluations only under supervision of a licensed occupational therapist who shall bear full responsibility for care provided under the occupational therapist's supervision.